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| Filed: August 26, 2003 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PRINTING APPARATUS |) | |
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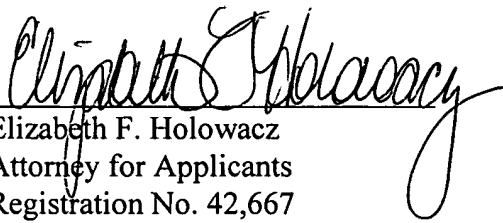
SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a status report on the above-identified application. The application was filed on August 26, 2003. To date, no Official Action has been received for this application. Since the application was filed almost three years ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when it is expected to receive an Office Action.

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